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and cruise the Mediterranean
on Celebrity Equinox

June 13 to July 4, 2016

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2016 Garden Tour to Tuscany, Italian Lakes Cinque Terre and cruise the Mediterranean

Jane Edmanson is a well-known garden identity, who presents radio 3AW's *The Big Backyard* every Saturday and Sunday morning. She also gives gardening advice on Magic 1278. Jane has been seen regularly on ABC television's national *Gardening Australia* for the past twenty five years. She writes gardening articles for magazines and gives talks on gardening. Jane has been awarded the OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia).

This will be the 25th year that Jane has accompanied garden tours for Travelrite International.



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Itinerary

DAY 1 Monday June 13, 2016

Today we depart Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth on our overnight flight to Rome.

Departure

DAY 2 Tuesday June 14, 2016

On arrival in Rome, we travel north to the Tuscan village of Bagno Vignoni, where we will spend the next four nights. On our journey we visit the gorgeous formal gardens of Villa Lante. Geometrically organised on four levels along a main axis, emphasised by fountains, it has perfect symmetry. This is a marvellous Renaissance garden in which murmuring water, flashing fountains, shade and sunlight alternate under vast plane trees. Bagno Vignoni is a small Orcia River valley village, which has long been a favourite among painters and travellers seeking solitude in a beautiful location. We will stay at a small family-owned 15th-century hotel, built by Rossellino as a summerhouse for Pope Pius II, who enjoyed the advantage of the nearby hot mineral springs. Tour members will enjoy delicious Tuscan dinners each night during our stay at Bagno Vignoni. (D)

Bagno Vignoni, Tuscany

DAY 3 Wednesday June 15, 2016

This morning we will visit La Foce, established by the author Iris Origo and her husband Maquis Antonio Origo on the site of an Osteria. They contacted Cecil Pinsett in 1927 to help them design their garden. Pinsett planted cypresses and hollies like a frame surrounding the garden. Inside the frame there is an Italian Renaissance garden, a fountain garden, an orangery and an upper flower garden using Gertrude Jekyll's planting style as inspiration. In the afternoon we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Siena with a local guide, who will introduce us to the major sights of the city, including the Piazza del Campo with its splendid civic tower and the enormous, partially-completed Duomo. The biennial Palio horse race festival is held here. Siena is also home to the oldest bank in the world and a spectacular town hall. (D)

Bagno Vignoni, Tuscany

DAY 4 Thursday June 16, 2016

Today we drive through the picturesque Tuscan countryside to Florence, where we soak up the atmosphere of this lovely city, capital of Tuscany. Home of Michelangelo and the Medici family, the city was the cradle of the Renaissance. On arrival we have a walking tour of Florence and we see the Piazza del Duomo, one of the largest cathedrals in the Christian world. Together with Brunelleschi's wonderful dome, we see the Campanile and the Baptistery. We also wander through the Piazza della Signoria, which contains the Loggia della Signoria, the Palazzo Vecchio and nearby, the Ponte Vecchio over the Arno River. We continue our travels to explore Villa Gamberaia, set in classic olive-grove country. Restored to its 16th-century splendour, the garden is small but idyllic. The main terrace is laid out with parterres de broderie and the water gardens are reminiscent of Persian reflecting pools. We return to Bagno Vignoni for an evening at leisure. (D)

Bagno Vignoni, Tuscany

DAY 5 Friday June 17, 2016

This morning is free for individual exploration. Perhaps pamper your self in the spa or with a massage or walk along the river valley. This afternoon we will visit Villa Vicobello, which is surrounded by a beautiful park and two floors of Italian garden adorned by typical box hedges. From the second floor, where there is a half-moon shaped fountain, you can enjoy wonderful views of the city, the Torre del Mangia and the cathedral. In the park there is a long tree-lined street with an arch surmounted by the coat of arms of the Chigi family.

Bagno Vignoni, Tuscany

The terraced garden of lemon trees will take you to an area of fruit trees and down again to the garden of azaleas. (D)

DAY 6 Saturday June 18, 2016

We drive to Stresa, a gorgeous town on the shore of Lake Maggiore situated in the Italian Lakes area. On arrival we check in to our hotel and the remainder of the day is free for individual exploration. In the evening the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.

Stresa, Italian Lakes

DAY 7 Sunday June 19, 2016

Today we walk to the foreshore to board our private boat across to Isola Bella, the most spectacular of the Borromean Islands. The magnificent villa is surrounded by one of the most dramatic 17th-century gardens in Italy, with 10 terraces rising like a ship's prow in the reflecting waters of the lake. Masses of roses and perfumed plants set among superb statues and fountains make this a garden to remember. We visit the nearby island Isola Madre, so very different with its lush sub-tropical planting of ornamental trees and shrubs in a parkland style of the early 19th century.

Stresa, Italian Lakes

DAY 8 Monday June 20, 2016

A scenic trip along the west shore of Lake Como brings us to the picturesque village of Tremezzo and Villa Carlotta. This elegant 18th-century villa has its own landing place on Lake Como and beautiful views over the lake. It was given as a wedding present to Carlotta, Duchess of Saxe-Meningen, who, with her husband, created the landscaped gardens and began the botanical collection. Around the house, an 18th-century formal layout has lemon arbours on the terraces, tall camellia hedges and flower beds to suit the architecture. This afternoon, we visit Villa Balbianello, one of the jewels of the lake, located on a small promontory and accessed by boat. Steep steps lead from the landing to an avenue of candelabra-pruned plane trees and the loggia, garlanded with creeping fig. The villa perches high above Lake Como and is filled with an astounding personal collection of furniture and artefacts. This evening the tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby.

Stresa, Italian Lakes

DAY 9 Tuesday June 21, 2016

We will have a free morning today. In the afternoon we visit Villa Taranto on the opposite bank of the Lake from Stresa. Captain Neil McEachern laid out the garden in 1931 with thousands of bulbs, border perennials and twenty thousand plants of particular botanical interest. The garden continues to provide a wonderful floral attraction for visitors to the area.

Stresa, Italian Lakes

DAY 10 Wednesday June 22, 2016

Today we travel to Genoa, where we visit Villa Durazzo Pallavicini and garden. It was created by Marquis Ignazio Alessandro Pallavicini between 1840 and 1846. Ignazio appointed Michele Canzio, the art director of the theatre at Genoa as the curator. The plan of the park is like a drama in many acts. Various features recall the main civilization's of the world. The visit begins at the Gothic Temple and continues along a path to the Kaffehaus and the Triumphal Arch. The walk travels through a Mediterranean garden with many palm trees to the Castle of the Captain of the Park, a folly in medieval style and to a grotto, symbol of Hades. We continue our journey to the attractive seaside town Sestri Levante on the edge of the Cinque Terre.

Sestri Levante, Cinque Terre



DAY 11 Thursday June 23, 2016 **Sestri Levant, Cinque Terre**

Late morning we travel by train to the Cinque Terre region. We will stop at Vernazza for lunch at your expense and free time. We will see the tall colourful houses and the church clustered together at the head of a well-sheltered cove. We move on to explore Manarola and Riomaggiore, before travelling by boat along the coast. We will return by train to Sestri Levant for an evening at leisure.

DAY 12 Friday June 24, 2016 **Sestri Levant, Cinque Terre**

The morning is free to explore Sestri Levant. In the afternoon we travel to the gorgeous village of Portofino, often in the list of the top ten villages of Italy. We will have time to explore Portofino before visiting the Abbey of La Cervara at Santa Margherita Ligure. The Abbey was built for the Benedictine monks in 1361, with the terrace overlooking the sea and the garden created in 1868. The garden is laid out with box parterre with a fountain and cherubs in the centre. We return to Sestri Levant for an evening of leisure.

DAY 13 Saturday June 25, 2016 **Celebrity Equinox**

We drive south to Civitavecchia today to board our luxury cruise ship, Celebrity Equinox for our seven-night cruise around the Mediterranean. The rest of the day will be available to explore the ship.

DAY 14 Sunday June 26, 2016 **Livorno, Italy**

This morning we arrive in Livorno and travel to the town of Collodi, famous for its connection with the Pinocchio Legend. On our tour today we visit Villa Garzoni. The garden was built shortly before 1652 by the Garzoni family, relating to the site of the old castle, which stands slightly apart, closely associated with the village that nestles round it, on the edge of a cliff like slope, which had been chosen in earlier times for its defensible approach. The garden of Villa Garzoni, whose layout makes the fullest use of a precipitous hillside site in a manner that is usually associated with Rome, features a water garden, constructed at the foot of a series of balustraded terraces and a suite of grand symmetrical staircases connecting the lower water gardens at the base of the hill, with the house, the cascade, the teatro di verdura and other garden features above. We will travel to Lucca with time for lunch. In the afternoon we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Lucca with a local guide. Lucca has preserved within its girdle of ramparts a rich heritage of churches, palaces, squares and streets that gives the town a charming atmosphere. The church of San Michele in Foro stands on the site of the Roman Forum and dominates the surrounding square, which is lined by old mansions and the Palazzo Pretorio.

DAY 15 Monday June 27, 2016 **French Riviera**

Our ship arrives in the pretty town of Villefranche-sur-Mer, Today we will enjoy a sightseeing tour with a local guide of the main sights of the French Riviera. We first explore Nice's narrow picturesque streets before a drive along the Corniche road, where we have spectacular views of the ocean and cliffs. We visit Monte Carlo, famous for its casino and royal family. This afternoon Jane will lead the group on our visit to the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. The garden was laid out at the beginning of the 20th century by Baroness Ephrussi de Rothschild, a member of the wealthy Rothschild family. The garden has been developed as a series of compartments representing different architectural and planting styles and is the ultimate in manicured French exotic style.

DAY 16 Tuesday June 28, 2016 **Ajaccio, Corsica**

The ship arrives in Ajaccio this morning, the birth place of Napoleon Bonaparte in 1769. This morning we will visit Salecca Park, which stretches over seven hectares and brings together all the fragrances of the island's plants. Walking around the winding paths in the garden, we will see many varieties of lavender, rosemary, euphorbia and oleander. There is also a fabulous panoramic view of the Tyrrhenian Sea as we enjoy the gardens. In the afternoon, we will visit the house owned by the Bonaparte family from 1682 until 1923 where we will see the historic and fascinating decorative items and paintings.

DAY 17 Wednesday June 29, 2016 **At sea**

The day is free to enjoy the wonderful facilities of the ship. In the afternoon Jane will lead a Gardening Trivia competition. We will divide the group into teams with prizes for the winning team.

DAY 18 Thursday June 30, 2016 **Palma de Mallorca, Spain**

After docking in Mallorca, we travel to Espores to visit a country house on a site known since Roman times. Since 1447 it has been privately owned by various noble families. We will see the gorgeous drawing room with its own theatre and a dudgeon with a torture chamber. We will also explore the gardens which contain spectacular waterfalls and an extensive botanical park. We will continue with a visit to Jardins Alfabia, which has an interesting legacy of Arab landscaping and irrigation. A flight of stairs lined with tall palms leads to a covered walkway. From here we can walk around the garden, where we see

lily ponds, bamboo groves and citrus orchards. We return to the ship for an overnight in Palma de Mallorca.

DAY 19 Friday July 1, 2016

Palma de Mallorca, Spain

This morning we have free time to explore Mallorca. In the afternoon we visit Carla Ratjasa the Royal Palace, which has stood on this site since the Muslim governors built their alcazar soon after the Arab conquest. It was converted into gothic style under Jaume II The S'Hort de Rei garden beneath the Palace contains fountains, palms and cyprus trees.

DAY 20 Saturday July 2, 2016

Barcelona/Departure

This morning we will disembark the ship in Barcelona, capital of Catalonia and the second largest city in Spain. We will enjoy a sightseeing tour with a local guide of Barcelona. We will see the historic cathedral and the beautiful streets of the Gothic Quarter as well as the modernist Eixample district and see examples of Gaudi's stunning architecture, including the famous Sagrada Familia. We will visit Parc Guell, which is a combination of architectural and landscape features with mature and natural looking plantings. The park was commissioned by Count Eusebi Guell in the 1890s. By 1914, Antoni Gaudi had completed the famous features that are most enjoyed by the park's visitors today. Among them is the grand iron-balustrade entrance, with its mosaic tile work on the walls and the imposing staircase dragon. Jane will make sure that you get the most out of this unique garden. Tour members not continuing on the extension tour will travel to the airport for their evening flight to Australia. The tour manager will meet those wishing to dine as a group in the lobby.

DAY 21 Sunday July 3, 2016

In flight

DAY 22 Monday July 4, 2016

Arrive Australia

The group arrives in Australia and tour arrangements conclude.



Post-tour to Barcelona and London

DAY 1 Saturday July 2, 2016

Barcelona, Spain

Today we will enjoy a sightseeing tour with a local guide of Barcelona with the main tour group. Late afternoon we check in to our hotel.

DAY 2 Sunday July 3, 2016

Barcelona, Spain

This morning we travel north to the Costa Brava to visit the Jordi Botanic Mar I Murtra, which was created by Karl Faust. He created several different gardens to house the plants he collected from all over the world. Mar I Murtra is now divided into tropical, temperate and Mediterranean garden areas. In the afternoon, we will travel to visit Santa Clothilde, a large property built on the site of an old vineyard. It is an Italianate garden in the Renaissance style, where the symmetry of paths, planting and interesting focal points define the garden.

DAY 3 Monday July 4, 2016

London

Today we will fly to London. On arrival we continue to our Kensington hotel by private coach. The remainder of the afternoon will be free. The tour manager will meet those wishing to dine with the group in the lobby to go to a nearby restaurant for dinner. Tonight you might like to catch one of the many splendid London shows.

DAY 4 Tuesday July 5, 2016

London

This morning is free for individual exploration relax or do some shopping. In the afternoon we visit Chiswick House garden. The gardens stretching over thirty hectares were created by William Kent on the ancient classical model, between 1715 and 1858. He planted groves of trees, made sweeping lawns and added focal points with a line of statues and three architectural points. In recent years there has been a program of restoration in the garden, which includes the planting of sixteen thousand new trees.

DAY 5 Wednesday July 6, 2016

London

Late morning we visit the Royal Horticultural Garden, Wisley. The RHS was given Wisley Estate in trust by Sir Thomas Hanbury in 1903. The garden will capture the imagination with richly planted borders and luscious rose gardens and amazing glasshouses which recreate tropical, moist temperate and dry temperate habitats. Trials of flowers, vegetables and fruit were expanded at Wisley and they continue to be some of the principal features of the garden. Several Chelsea Flower Show prize winning gardens are displayed in the grounds.

DAY 6 Thursday July 7, 2016

Departure

The highlight of our time in London will be an escorted visit to the famous Hampton Court Flower Show. One of the main events in the English horticultural calendar and boasts fine displays of flowers, plants, trees and interesting garden layouts. Jane will ensure that you explore all areas of this wonderful show. After our visit we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Australia.

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Twin-share fares per person:

Cabin	Description	Deck	Twin-share	Single Supplement
10	Inside	3	\$ 9995	\$ 1750
8	Oceanview	3	\$ 10950	\$ 2300
2C	Deluxe Balcony	6, 7	\$ 11250	\$ 2470
2A	Deluxe Balcony	7	\$ 11400	\$ 2600
C1	Concierge Class	7,8,9	\$ 11475	\$ 2625
C2	Concierge Class	7,8,9	\$ 11700	\$ 2835

Includes port and handling charges and on board gratuities
Plus air taxes and government surcharges 1/6/15 \$185

Price for the post-tour to Barcelona and London: July 2 to 7, 2016

The price per person twin-share \$ 2500
 Single supplement \$ 950
 Plus air tax & govt. surcharge 1/6/15 \$ 30

Included in the price:

- Five night's first-class accommodation
- Buffet breakfasts each day
- Sightseeing and entrances as listed
- Tour leadership from July 2, 2016 of Jane Edmanson

Included in the price:

- Return economy-class air travel from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth to Europe. Passengers will be able to extend their stay in Europe at minimal extra airfare cost.
- Travel in first-class chartered coach.
- Accommodation in first-class and moderate first-class hotels, taxes and service charges.
- Buffet breakfast during the tour and four dinners in Bagno Vignoni, Tuscany.
- Full board while on the 5-star cruise ship.
- Sightseeing tours as listed in the itinerary.
- Entry to gardens and attractions as detailed in itinerary.
- Tour leadership by Jane Edmanson.
- Tour management by Travelrite International Pty. Ltd. with an experienced Tour Manager meeting the group on arrival in Rome and travelling with the group.
- A Travelrite travel bag.

Not included in the price for both tours:

- Passport and visa fees.
- Travel insurance.
- Meals unless specified in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary.
- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary – these will be quoted for separately.
- Air taxes and government surcharges.



Relax and enjoy

General Information and Booking Conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this tour without the need of assistance from others.

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TOUR COSTS: The tour costs are based on airfare, general transport, accommodation costs and foreign exchange rate at 1/6/15. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 60 days of departure from Australia.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$800 per passenger for is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure for the Garden Tour. Paying by cheque or cash a 1% administration fee will be charged on payment by Visa or Mastercard and 3% on payment by AMEX or Diners Club cards.

AIR TAXES: from Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane as listed in the itinerary. Please contact us for air taxes from different cities. Air taxes are as at 1/6/15. If they change due to government and airline charges and currency variations, Travelrite International reserves the right to charge additional amounts.

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REFUNDS: The tour is based on arrangements, which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals, airfare or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport. Visas for countries visited are not required for Australian passport holders. If you hold another passport please check with Travelrite.

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HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by sending full names and addresses of intending tour members with a deposit of \$800 per person for the Garden Tour.

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